

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cool, probably frost tonight; moderate northwest winds.
Temperature past twenty-four hours: High, 63 at 4 p.m. yesterday; low, 42 at 6 a.m. today.
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CONTROLLER SEES JUSTICE OFFICIALS ABOUT RIGGS BANK

Publishes Accusations Against the Financiers, Alleging Unlawful Practices.

INSTITUTION OBTAINS TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

Court Restrains Mr. Williams, Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Burke From "Interference."

CASE TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

Both Sides Issue Long Statements Airing Controversy That Has Existed for Many Months. Justice Suddons to Sit.

John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, took up with the Department of Justice today, in a conference he held there with officials of that department, various matters in connection with a controversy between the Riggs National Bank and officials of the Treasury Department.

Obtains Temporary Injunction.

The difference between the Riggs National Bank and some of the officials of the Treasury Department, which have been a matter of gossip for months, and the controversy which arose out of them were precipitated into an open and public "break" late yesterday afternoon when the bank sought and obtained from the District Supreme Court a temporary injunction against the Treasury officials.

The temporary injunction, which was granted by Justice McCoy, is also to show cause why the Treasury officials shall not be restrained from interfering with the bank's affairs.

Mr. Brandeis to Act. Following the cabinet meeting this afternoon, Attorney General Gregory said that Mr. Brandeis, so far as he knew, has not acted for the Department of Justice in connection with the controversy until today, but that he will be perfectly willing to name Mr. Brandeis as an assistant attorney general to handle the matter.

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PUMPS OF RAIDER KEEP HER AFLOAT

Kronprinz Wilhelm, Leaking Badly, May Require Three Weeks to Repair.

NEVER HEARD FROM EITEL, CAPT. THIERFELDER SAYS

Statements of Officers Accepted by U. S. Authorities—Experts Think Ship Will Intern.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 13.—Steam pumps of the German commerce raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, in port here, were still in operation today while experts from the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company resumed examination of the ship in order to report to her commander on repairs necessary to enable her to continue her voyage.

That the Wilhelm is leaking constantly was evidenced by continuous throbbing of her pumps and also by the fact that the ship lies low in the water despite lack of cargo.

Think Ship Will Intern. The fact that the Wilhelm will require considerable attention before she can be made seaworthy, it was believed by experts, may eventually cause her to be interned.

Beriberi Appears Checked. Investigation by the United States public health service into the epidemic of beriberi among sailors aboard the Kronprinz Wilhelm was begun today.

Embassy Forwards Request.

The German embassy today transmitted to the State Department a formal request of Capt. Thierfelder of the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm for permission to have his vessel examined to see what repairs were necessary to render her seaworthy, and also for permission to have those repairs made.

FRENCH SHELL TURKISH CAMP NEAR JERUSALEM

PARIS, April 13, 11:13 a.m.—The marine ministry issued the following statement today:

"Yesterday a battleship, in connection with French seaplanes, bombarded the important Turkish encampment in the neighborhood of Gaza."

The bombardment of Gaza marks the development of hostilities in a new quarter. Gaza is in southern Palestine, near the Egyptian frontier. The city lies two miles inland from the Mediterranean coast, and is situated in the west of Jerusalem.

Officials of the bank today examined a lengthy statement given out by Controller Williams, according to which the bank had been the victim of a conspiracy to defraud it.

OBJECT TO PHRASE.

Riggs Bank's Counsel Caustic as to Word "Temerity."

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FOUR EXPERTS TO DESCEND.

Divers Exploring the Location of Sunken Submarine F-4.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 13.—George D. Stillson, chief gunner's mate in command of the cruiser Maryland and the submarine F-4, submerged outside the harbor since March 25, said today that experts divers would probably make a descent tomorrow.

OBREGON AND VILLA PROBABLY FIGHTING

Hostilities Expected to Be Renewed Today, State Department Hears.

BOTH LEADERS HAVE BEEN WAITING REINFORCEMENTS

Battle Near Nuevo Laredo Also Likely Soon—Acapulco Needs Food and Money.

Hostilities were expected to be renewed today in the vicinity of Celaya and Irapuato, between the contending Mexican armies under Gens. Villa and Obregon, according to State Department advices.

George C. Carothers, American consular agent, who went to Guadalajara to investigate the question of mining taxes, returned to Villa's headquarters at Irapuato last night and sent the State Department its first report of the military situation in that section.

Obregon Being Reinforced.

State Department advices given out today say:

"Reinforcements and ammunition are being sent to Gen. Obregon, who is reported to be still at Celaya."

Col. Erecidea Arrives. A commission of four men appointed by Gen. Carranza to visit President Wilson, arrived in New York yesterday.

Col. Erecidea admitted that he had come on official business for his chief, Gen. Carranza.

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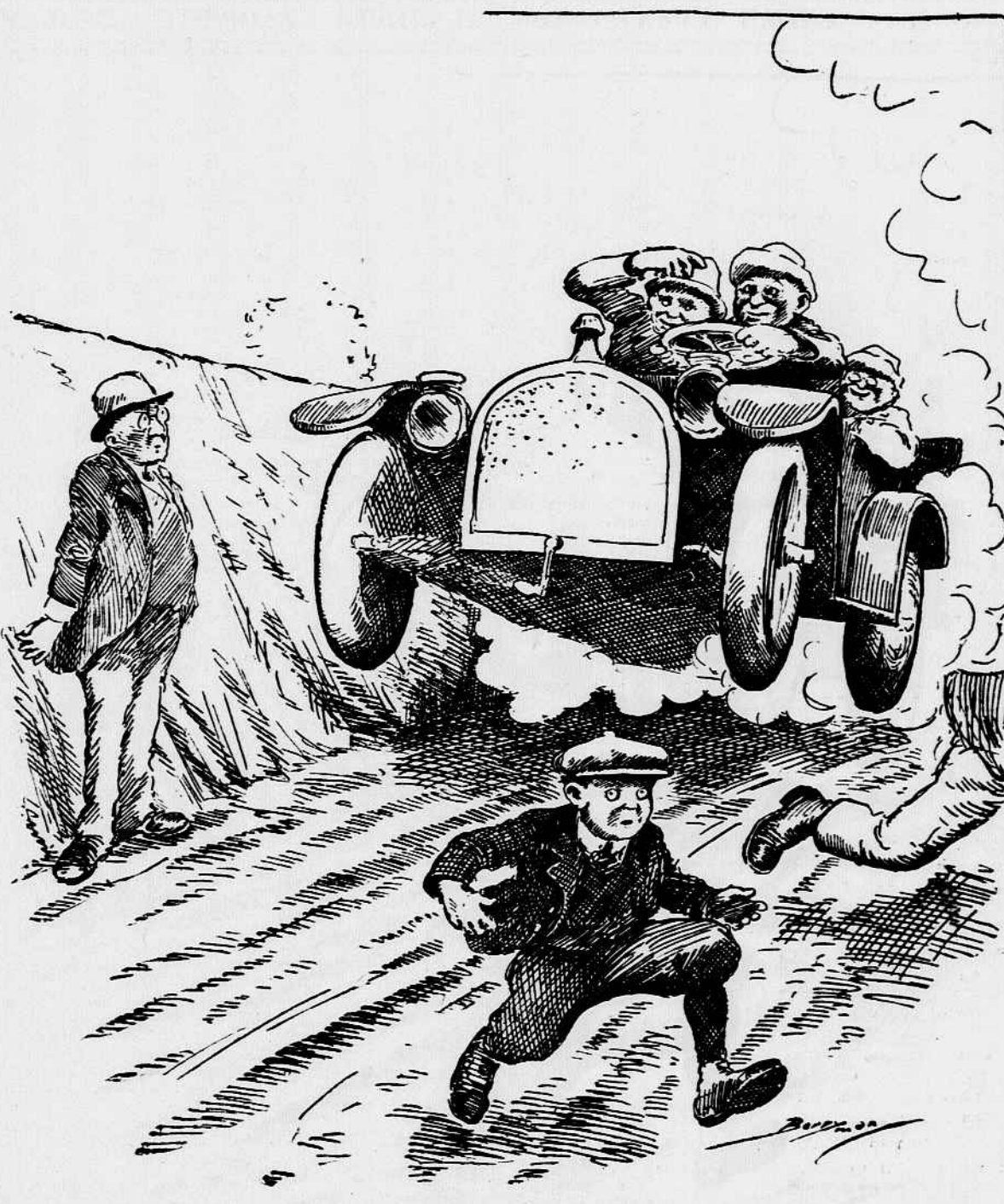
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THE SUBURBAN JUGGERNAUT.

GERMANIC NATIONS PREPARED TO FEED ARMIES AND PEOPLE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD

Report That Shortage of Supplies and Munitions Makes Teutonic Allies Willing to Consider Peace Terms Meets With Flat and Emphatic Denial.

ROME, April 12, via Paris, April 13.—Information obtained from the highest German sources in this city is to the effect that there is absolutely no basis for the report that peace negotiations under certain conditions are being considered in Berlin.

These reports, it is said, are based upon the ignorance of actual conditions in the German empire. The assertion is made that both Germany and Austria, particularly the former, have within their borders supplies of everything necessary to prolong the war indefinitely.

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U. S. ASKED TO AID PRISONERS OF WAR

Germany Makes Strong Protest Against Treatment of Captured Crews.

LONDON, April 13.—The reported German declaration that British officers had been imprisoned in the military detention barracks, in retaliation for the refusal of the British to accord the same treatment to crews of German submarines, was stated today.

An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals, and that court sustained the decision of the District Court below, Chief Justice Shepard dissenting.

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NEWMAN OUSTER IS BEING ARGUED

Supreme Court Hears Attorneys on Commissioner's Right to Hold Office.

MR. BAILEY CRITICISES SOLICITOR GENERAL DAVIS

Declares He Has No Right to Appear—Justices Ask Lawyers Questions.

Argument in the case of District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, whose ouster from office has been ordered in the lower courts, was begun in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

The attorneys in the case for Mr. Newman are Jackson H. Ralston, William E. Richardson, George W. Holt, John W. Davis and Conrad H. Syme also aided in the preparation of the case.

Mr. Ralston's Argument.

Jackson H. Ralston opened the argument for Newman, and was stated that former Senator Bailey would make the other argument for the defendant in error, Mr. Frizzell.

Mr. Ralston briefly outlined the history of the appointment of Mr. Newman, and the proceedings brought to oust him from office.

The quo warranto statute, said Mr. Ralston, under which proceedings had been taken to provide that the Attorney General and the United States attorney for the District should appear.

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ALIES IN FRANCE ARE NEARLY READY TO BEGIN ADVANCE

British Cheered by Gen. French's Promise to Break the German Line.

RECENT FRENCH SUCCESS GIVES A BIG ADVANTAGE

Coming Three Months Expected to Be Memorable in History of Great War.

SAYS THE FOE LACKS VIGOR

Official "Eye-Witness" Draws Conclusion From Failure of Germans to Return Recent Attacks by British.

LONDON, April 13, 1:13 p.m.

Field Marshal Sir John French's message to his countrymen at home that "I know when the time comes for us to make our great move we can break through the Germans," and the British eyewitness' statement of yesterday that there are plain signs of the "gradual weakening of the German resistance," are accepted here as an intimation that the present steady pressure on the western front will shortly develop into events of vaster scope.

It is thus expected that the next three months will be especially memorable in this epoch-making war.

Signal for Final Offensive.

Military writers are of the opinion that the reported French successes between the Meuse and the Moselle—an important region stretching between the rival fortresses of Verdun and Metz—have given a promising opening for the spring campaign.

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